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MEMORANDUM FOR: [ ] DDI Staff

SUBJECT : Agency Action in Regard to the 200-Mile  
Fisheries Bill in the Congress

1. As far as I know the Agency has not been directly involved in the current debate on the 200-mile fisheries bill now before Congress. We have, however, indirectly participated in decisions on this topic made by the NSC Interagency Task Force on the Law of the Sea. This includes reviewing and giving concurrence on statements made by Task Force members to Congressional committees, and policy recommendation papers to the White House. Our concurrence on this topic has always been explicitly limited to foreign reaction to such a unilateral fisheries claim. The most recent example of such Agency action was our response on 1 July to [ ] request for greater White House involvement in opposing Congressional movement toward a 200-mile fisheries bill (See [ ] memo to DDI, 1 July 1975).

2. In late August OGCR produced a Working Paper titled Law of the Sea Negotiations: Geneva and Beyond in which we discuss the pros and cons of unilateral claims on the international law of the sea negotiations. Copies of this paper, as well as its condensation in the NID, went to the Congress.

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